# ANNO XXIIII HENRICI VIII.

ACTIS MADE in the Session of this presente parlyamente, holden vppon prorogation at Westmynster, the. IIII. daye of Februarie, in the. XXIIII. yere of the reygne of our moste dradde souerayne lorde kynge HENRY the. VIII. and there continued and kepte tyll the. VII. day of Aprill than nexte ensuinge: to the honour of god and holy Church, and for the common weale and prosyte of this his realme.

LONDINI IN AEDIBVS THOMAE BERTHELETI REGII IMPRESSORIS.

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## An acte concernynge true tannynge and co-rienge of lether. Ca.i.

For asmoche as great multitude of hydes and tanned lether is vntruely, insufficientlye, and deceyuably tanned, coꝛied, and wꝛought within this realme, and moche moꝛe excedynge in the pꝛices than haue ben at any tyme heretofoꝛe, by reason wherof the kynges pooꝛe subiectes be greatlye hyndꝛed and decayde, and fewe of them can go oꝛ ryde dꝛye eyther in shoes oꝛ bootes, noꝛ haue any good oꝛ stronge hoꝛseharneis of lether, ne any endurynge saddellis, maales, oꝛ boudgettes, ne any other thynges made of tanned lether, to theyꝛ great damage, losse, and hyndꝛaunce. And not withstandynge dyuers good statutes haue ben made foꝛ the true coꝛienge and tannynge of lether, and searche of the same: yet neuer the lesse the tanners dayly selle theyꝛ lether in theyꝛ owne dwellynge houses, oꝛ in theyꝛ secrete places and houses out of the common fayꝛes oꝛ markettes: by reason wherof the same lether is vnserched, and foꝛ the mooste parte wꝛoughte in the necessaries amonge the kynges pooꝛe subiectes, to theyꝛ great dammage. Foꝛ reforꝛmation whereof be it enacted by the kynge oure souerayne loꝛde, and the loꝛdes spirituall and temporal, and the commons in this pꝛesent parlyamente assembled, and by auctoꝛitie of the same, that all and synguler estatutes here to foꝛe made concernynge the tanners, coꝛpours, and coꝛdweyners, and euerye of theym, theyꝛ misteries and occupations, and the misteries, and occupations of euerye of theym, standynge in foꝛce and not repelled noꝛ expired, shall be and stonde in theyꝛ fulle strengthe, foꝛce and effecte, accoꝛdynge to the tenours and purpoꝛtes of the same.

And to the intente that due and playne serche maye be had of tanned lether befoꝛe it be putte to sale, Be it enacted, that no persone oꝛ persones, from the feaste of saynte Michaell the archaungell, whiche shall be in the yere of our loꝛde god. M.D.XXXIII. shall put any tanned lether to sale, within the citie of London, noꝛ within thꝛe myles compasse of the same, vnlesse hit be bꝛoughte in to open markette at Leaden halle in London, oꝛ elles in any the fayꝛes holden within the sayde cytie, oꝛ elles where without the sayde citie, within the sayde. iii. myles compasse: and there be serched and marked by suche that haue the serche therof, as hathe bene accustomed, vpon peyne to foꝛfayte the value of euery hyde oꝛ parcell of lether, tanned and solde after the sayde feast contrary to this act. Noꝛ that any persone oꝛ persons, vpon lyke peyne put any tanned lether to sale, out of the sayde market of Leden halle, and oute of the feyꝛes kepte within the sayde citie, and .iii. myles compasse therof, in any other place oꝛ places of this realme but onely in open fayꝛes oꝛ marketes, holden and kepte with in any parte of this realme: The one halfe of suche foꝛfayture, if hit be within the citie of London, oꝛ within .iii. myles compasse therof, to be to

the kynge our ſouerayn lorde, & the other halfe therof to the wardens of the felowſhyppe of the cordewayners within the ſame citie, or to the wardens of the felowſhyppe of the Saddelers, gyrdelers, coriers, or any other of the kynges ſubiectes in the ſayde citie, that is to ſaye, to ſuche of the ſayde wardens or kynges ſubiectes, that ſhall fyrſte ſue for the ſame, by action of dette, byll, playnte, or infourmation, in any of the kynges courtes: in whiche ſute no eſſoyne, protection, ne wager of lawe ſhall be admitted.

And if the ſayde forfayture happen to be out of the ſayde cytie, and oute of the ſayde.iii. myles compas, than the one moytie of ſuche penaltie to be to the kinge our ſouereine lorde, and the other moytie therof to the maires, cheriffes, bailliffes of cyties boroughes and townes corporate, and lordes of letes, within whoſe iuriſdiction or auctorittie any ſuche forfayture ſhall happen to be recouered by lyke action and ſuite, and after lyke maner as is aboue ſayde: And for lacke of ſo doinge, that than it ſhall be lefull for any of the kynges ſubiectes to haue power and auctorittie in the ſuynge therfore. And where hit is commenlye vſed, that a printe, ſeale, or marke ſhulde be ſette and putte by the ſerchers of tanned lether, or by ſuche as take vpon them the ſerche or ſealynge of the ſame, vpon euery hide well and ſufficiently tanned, before the ſellynge therof, to the intente that the goodnes therof, by the ſame ſhulde be knowen to the byers therof.

Whiche marke or printe, for corruption and lucre, is commonly ſette and putte by ſuche as take vpon them the ſerche and ſealynge, as well vppon lether inſufficiently tanned, as vppon lether well tanned, to the great deceyte of the byers therof: Be it enacted by auctorittie aforeſayd, that euery ſuch perſon and perſons, takinge vpon hym or them the ſerch makynge, or ſealynge of any ſuch tanned lether, which do put or ſette any marke, ſeale, or prynt vppon any hyde or pice of lether, not being well and ſufficientlye tanned: ſhall loſe & forfayte. iii.s.iiii.d. for euery hyde or pece of lether that he or they ſhall ſo marke, ſeale, or put any prynte vnto, not beynge ſufficiently tanned: The one halfe of whiche forfayture to be to the kynge oure ſouerayne lorde, and the other moitie therof to ſuche as wyll ſue for the ſame by originall wrytte of dette, bylle, playnte, or infourmacion. In whiche action or ſuite no wager of lawe, eſſoen, or protection ſhall be allowed or admitted.

And all be it, it is ordeyned and enacted by the ſtatute made in the third yere of our ſouerayne lorde kyng HENRY the VIII. that the wardeynes and felowſhyp of the crafte of corvers within the ſayd citie of London and their ſucceſſours, or theyr ſufficiēt deputie or deputies, ſhuld haue the ſerch of tanned lether, within the ſayde citie and the ſuburbes of the ſame, and in other places nerte adioynynge, expreſſed in the ſayde acte, as by the ſame acte more at large is declared: yet neuer the leſſe in other cities, boroughes, townes corporate, marketes, and fayres, there be no ſerchers appointed, by reaſon wherof no perſon wyl put any diligence to the ſame, oneleſſe ſome auctorite may be gyuen in that behalfe:

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It is therfore enacted by auctorite of this presente parliamente, that the same acte made in the sayde .iii. yere of oure sayde soueraygne lorde concernynge serche of tanned lether within the sayde citie of London, and other places expressed in the same acte, shall stylle stande and abyde in fulle strength and vertue, with all singular the prouisions therynto annexed.

¶ And ouer that be it enacted, that alle mayres, sheriffes, baylies, and other chefe gouernours of other cyties, boroughes, and townes corporate, and lordes of faires and markettes, within their liberties, franchefes, iurisdiction, and auctorities, and euery of theym, shall from henseforthe haue power and auctorite to name and appoynte two suche of the crafte of cordweyners or coriars, or one of the one crafte, and an other of the other crafte, as they shall thynke moste conuenient and experte in the sayd occupations, to viewe and serche all tanned lether broughte to be solde, to any markettes or fayres, kepte within any liberties, frauncheses, iurisdictions, or auctorities, and to make serche therof truely and duely, with out fauour, affection, or corruption. And where as none of the sayd two craftes be inhabyted, that than hit shall be lefull to the lordes, mayres, or other officers, as is aforesayde, to electe and appoynte suche other of the kynges subiettes, as be mooste experte in knowledge of tanned lether: And suche as they shall fynde sufficiente, to putte a marke or a printe therynto.

¶ And that no personne or persones shall put any tanned lether to sale, in any fayre or markette, before it be viewed, serched, and marked, vppon peyne to lose and forfayte for euery hyde of tanned lether, put to sale contrary to this acte. xx. d.

¶ And it is also enacted, that as well the moytie of the sayde forfayture, as the moytie of all forfaytures and penalties made or ympytted by any other statute or statutes, heretofore made for or concernynge tanned lether, shall be to the kynge our souerayne lorde: and the other moyte therof to be to the mayres, shyreffes, bayliffes, or other chiefe gouernours of suche Cities, boroughes, or townes corporate, and to the lordes of the fayres or markettes, or any other the kynges subiectes, within whose iurisdictions suche cause of forfayture, or penaltye shall be founden, that is to saye, to suche of theym as shall cease or sue for the same, if they take theyr suyte for suche forfayture within syxe monethes nexte after suche forfayture shall happen: And yf they do not, thanne to be to suche of the kynges subiectes, that wyll sue for the same. And euerye suche persone and persones, as shall be intitled to haue suche forfayture, shall haue an action of dette for the same: So that they commense and take theyr suite or action within halfe a yere nexte after the sayde .vi. monethes, by writte, byll, playnt, or information, in whiche action or suite no wager of lawe, essoen, protection, or priuilege shalbe allowed.

¶ And all be it that lether be well and sufficientely tanned, yet neuer the lesse the coriars, for theyr owne syngular lucre and aduantage, so corrupt

the ſayde lether, with water and other ſubtyle wayes and meanes, that it is very vnprofytable for the exercise of the kynges ſubiectes: It is therfore enacted, that euery cozier ſhall well and ſufficiently cozie and blacke the ſayde lether tanned, as well the lether of other, to hym brought to be cozied, as his owne lether, exerciſynge in his ſayde myſterie or cozyenge tallowe and ſuche other thynges, as to and for the trewe and iuſte cozyenge of lether appertayneth, withoute fraude or decepte, and not craftely to bourne ne ſparche the ſayde lether, ne vſe inſufficient ſtuffe of talowe or oyle, vpon peyne to loſe and forfayte for euery hyde or pece of lether, that any cozier ſhall craftely, deceptfully, or inſufficiently cozie contrary to this acte. iii. s. iiii. d. The one halfe of whiche forfayture to be to the kynge our ſouerayne lorde, and the other halfe to ſuche as ſhall fynde the defaut. And ſuche as ſhall be intitled to the ſayd forfayture ſhall haue an action of dette for the ſame by wrytte, byll, pleynt, or infozmation in any of the kynges courtes: In whiche action or ſuite none eſſoen, protection, priuilege, nor wager of lawe ſhall be allowed or admitted.

¶ And be it enacted, that the Juſtices of the peace, in euerye ſhyre, cytie, and towne corporate, within the lymittes of theyr commiſſions and auctorities, ſhal haue power and auctorite, to enquere, here, and determyne euery offence hereafter to be done or commytted contrary to this acte, as welle by infozmation as by preſentment afore theym, and to make ſuche proces vppon euery preſentemente, as they commonly do vppon inditementes of treſpas.

¶ AND TO the intent that the ſayde ſerchers ſhall gyue theyr attendance and diligence in true execution of this acte. Be it therfore enacted by auctorite aforeſayde, that the ſayd ſercher or ſerchers from tyme to tyme, ſhal and maye take for euery ten peces of tanned lether, ſo by hym or them ſerched, viewed, and marked, as is aforeſayde, for his or theyr peyne taken therin one peny, and no more. And that alſo euery of the ſayde ſerchers for the ſtypende or fee before limitted from tyme to tyme, vpon laufull requeſt to hym made, by any perſone or perſons, haupnge tanned lether in open market or fayre to be ſolde within the limites of the ſayde ſerchers, ſhal put to his or theyr printe, ſeale, or marke, without contradiction or denial, to euery ſuche pece of lether ſufficiently tanned, vppon peyne to forfayte for euery defaute by the ſayde ſercher or ſerchers ſo commytted. iii. s. iiii. d. The one moytie therof to be to the kyng our ſouerayne lorde, and the other to the partie greued, that wyll ſue for the ſame by bylle, playnt, or infozmation, in any competent courte of recorde. In whiche ſuite no wager of lawe, eſſoen, nor protection ſhalbe admitted nor allowed.

¶ Prouided alway that this acte, or any thynge therin conteyned, be not in any wyſe hurtfull or preiudicial to any lorde or lordes, or any other hauyng libertie or liberties, faires or markettes, or any of them, their heires, or ſucceſſours of any of them, for or cõcernynge any of the forfaytures expreſſed in this act, whiche they or any of them laufully hadde, or mought

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haue had before the makynge of this present acte: this acte or any thynge in the same mencioned to the contrary not withstandynge.

¶ Prouided alway that this acte, or any thynge therin conteyned, shall not in any wyse be prejudiciall or hurtefull to the chancellers, vichancellers, proctours, tarers, and scholers, their officers and ministers, of the vniuersities of Oxforde and Cambrige, or any of them, of for or concernynge the auctoritie of serche of tanned lether, or any of the forfaytures of the same: whiche they laufully hadde or mought haue had before the makynge of this presente acte, any thynge therin conteyned to the contrarye hereof not withstandynge.

## An acte concernynge the true dienge of wollen clothe. Cap. ii.

PRayen the cõmons in this present parlyament assembled, that where dyuers persones, within this realme of Englande, as well aliens as other, vsynge the misterie or craft of dyers, now of late haue vsed and exercised a false sleightye and deceyuable waye, in dienge with brasell and suche other lyke subtiltes, fyrste inuented and founde by aliens, borne out of this realme of Englande, to the great hurte and sclander of wollen clothes dyed within this sayd realme, whiche in tymes past haue in all outwarde parties ben noted to haue had the mooste substanciall colored wollen clothes, of all realmes chrystened. That it therfore maye be enacted and establysshed by the kynge our souerayne lorde, the lordes spirituall and temporall, and the commons in this present parlyament assembled, and by the auctoritie of the same, that no maner of person or persons occupienge the sayde crafte of dienge within this realme of Englande, of what degree or nation so euer he be, from the feaste of the natiuite of oure lorde god nowe nexte commynge, do take vppon hym or them to dye or altere, or cause to be dyed or altered any wollen clothe or clothes, as browne blewes, pewkes, tawnies, or violettes, or hattes or cappes: excepte the same wollen clothes, hattis and cappes be perfectly boyled, greinid, or maderid vpon the wode and shotte, with good and sufficient corke or orchall, after a dewe substanciall and sufficiente meane of workemanshyppe, accordynge to the olde workemanshyp, before tyme vsed: vppon peyne of forfayture of .xl. s. for euery clothe, and .iii. s. iiii.d. for euerye hatte or cappe so to be dyed or altered from the true workemanshyppe, as is aforesayde.

¶ And for bycause that many men, occupienge the sayde feate of dienge, falsly and vntruly do occupie brasell in dyuers and sondrye colours, to the greate decepte, hurte, and hynderance of the kynges liege people:

Be it therfore enacted and establysshed, by the auctoritie afore sayde, that no maner of persone or personnes, occuppenge the sayde feate or occu-

occupation of dienge of wollen cloth or clothes, shall occupie any brasel, into or with any wollen clothe or clothes, hatte or cappe, within the sayde realme, and in the scarlet colour occupie any other thynge than graine only, vpon peyne of forfayture of foztie shyllynges sterlyng, for euery clothe, and .iii.s.iiii.d. for euery hatte or cappe made and dyed contrarye to the fourme, tenour, and effecte of this present acte. And the thyrde parte of the forfayture or value therof, to be to the kynge our soueraine lorde, and the other two partes therof to be egally dyuyded betwene the sayde persone, that shalbe seasour or taker of the same, and the mayre, bayliffes, or other gouernours of the citie, towne, borough, or village where any suche seasure shall fortune to be to theyr owne vses.

¶ And that for the better reformation of the sayde vntrue dyenge of clothes, hattes, and cappes, Be it enacted by the auctorite aforesayde, that it shall be lefull to the wardeyns of the misterie or crafte of dyers, of euery citie, borough, and towne corporate within this realme, where suche wardeyns be, and to theyr successours, for the tyme being, and where no suche wardens be, to the mayre, shyreffes, baylyffes, constables, and other the kynges heed officers, of euery cytie, borough, towne, and village, and to theyr successours, to entre into all places priuileged and other, where dyenge is vsed within theyr liberties, and within a myle compasse of euerye suche citie, borough, towne, and village, where any cloth or clothes, hatte or cappe, hattis or cappis, is or shalbe put to dienge, died, or altered into colours, as is aforesayde, there duely and trewely to viewe, enquere, and serche, if any defaute be done, had, or made contrary to the forme, tenour and effecte of this present acte.

¶ And if any maner of persone or persones, dyer, or other, withstande, refuse, or denye any suche serche to be made, contrarye to the tenoure of this presente acte, that thanne euery suche persone, soo lettynge, refusynge, withstandynge, or denyenge any suche serche to be made in any howse or houles, where dyenge is vsed, at any tyme hereafter, shall forfayte for euery tyme offendynge, contrarye to the fourme afore sayde, foztye shyllynges. The thyrde parte of the whiche forfayture to be to the kynge our soueraine lorde, and the other two partes to be egally deuided betwene the Mayre, Shyreffes, baylyffe, and other officer of euerye suche citie, borough, or towne, and other the kynges subiectes, whiche wyll sewe for the same, by action of dette, by wrytte at the common lawe, by bylle, information, or playnt, after the custome of the cytie, borough, towne, or porte, where at any tyme hereafter any suche fynes, forfaitures, or penalties shal happen to falle or be: and that the defendant in any suche case, shall not be admytted to wage his lawe, or any protection or essoen, for any defendant, be allowed in the same.

¶ Prouided alway, that euery suche person and persones, as shall take any aduantage of any forfayture by reason of this acte, shall cõmence his suite

ſute or action, for the ſayd forfayture, within one yere nexte after the ſame forfayture, ſhall growe or be dewe by this acte,

¶ This acte to continue vnto the laſt daye of the nexte parliament.

## ¶ An acte concernynge flesſhe to be ſolde. by weyght. Cap.iii.

Omplaineth to your moſt excellent highnes your pore ſubiectes of this your realme, that where alle maner of vittayles before this tyme hath ben ſolde to your ſayde ſubiectes at prices conuenient, ſo that al your ſubiectis and in eſpeciall the poore perſones myghte with theyr crafte or bodily laboure, bye ſufficiente for the neceſſitie and ſuſtentation of them, theyr wyues and chylderen: but nowe gratious lorde, al vittayle ꝛ in eſpeciall beoffe, mutton, porke, and veale, whiche is the common fedynge of the mene and poore perſons, are ſolde at ſo exceſſiue price, that your ſayd nedy ſubiectes can nat gain with theyr labour and ſalarie ſufficent to pay for theyr conuenient vittaile and ſuſtinaunce. For reformation whereof it maye pleaſe your hyghnes, that it may be enacted by your grace, and the lordes ſpirituall and temporall, and the commons in this preſent parlyament aſſembled, and by auctorite of the ſame, that euerye perſon, whiche ſhall ſell by hym ſelfe or any other, the carcaſes of beoffes, porke, mutton or veale, or any parte or parcell therof, after the fyrſt day of Auguſte nowe nexte enſuinge, ſhall ſelle the ſame by laufulle weyghte, called haberdepoys, and no other wyſe, the ſayde flesſhe to be cutte out in reſonable peces, accordynge to the requeſte of the byer, in lyke faſcion as before this tyme hathe bene vſed, withoute fraude or couyn. And that euery perſon, whiche by hym ſelfe or any other ſhall ſelle any flesſhe of the ſayde carcaſes, ſhall haue with hym, where he ſhall make ſale of the ſayde fleſhe ſufficient beame, ſcales, and weyghtes ſealed, called haberdepois, for true ſeruynge of the byers.

¶ And furthermore be it enacted by auctorite aforeſayde, that after that daye no perſone nor perſones, take, nor cauſe to be taken, for any pounde weyghte of flesſhe, of the carcaſes of beoffe, or porke, by hym or them to be ſolde, aboue the price of one halfpeny, nor for any pounde weight of flesſhe of the carcaſes of mutton or veale, aboue the price of one halfepenye and halfe ferthynge, withont decepte or couyn: vpon peyne to forfayt for euery pounde not ſolde be weight, or aboue the ſayd price limitted, and for euery defaute done contrary to the true meanynge of this acte .iii.s.iiii.d. The one moite therof to be to the kynge our ſouerain lorde, and the other moite to the partie, that wyl ſue for the ſame by byll, pleynt, or infarmation: In whiche ſute none eſſoen, wager of lawe, nor protection ſhalbe allowed.

¶ Prouided alwaye, that the heedis, neckes, inwardes, purtinances, legges, nor fete, ſhall be counted no parte of the carcaſes aforeſayde, but ſuche

ſuche to be ſolde for a lower price.

¶ AND furthermore be it enacted by auctoritie afore ſayde, that the lorde Chauncellour, lorde Treſourer, lorde priuie ſeale, and preſidente of the kynges moſte honourable counſayle, and the two chiefe Juſtices of eyther benche, or .v. .iiii. or .iii. of them, ſhall haue fulle power and auctorytie, by theyr diſcretions, at all tymes hereafter for cauſes conuenyente to mynyſſhe and abate the prices aboue reherſed: but in no wyſe to enhaunce the ſame. And that all Juſtices of aſſiſes in theyr circuite, and all Juſtyces of peace, or two of them at the leaſte, within theyr lymittes, and all mayres, bayliffes, and other heed officers of euery cytie, borough, and towne corporate, aldermen, sheryffes elected, ſtewardes of frauncheſes, the mayres, baylyes elected, and curates of the portes, and all other perſonnes, haupnge laufull auctorytie before the makynge of this preſente acte, to ſette price of fleſſhe and euerye of them in theyr limmittes: ſhall haue fulle power and auctorite to ſette a lower price of ſuche fleſſhe as is aboue remembred, and to enquere of ſuche offenders, and to awarde lyke proceſſe ageynſt them, and ſette lyke fynes as they may do in preſentmentes, or inditementes, of riotte or treſpas tryed before them.

¶ Prouided alweys that no calfe, aboue the age of .viii. wekes olde, be accompted for veale, but for beoffe, and ſo to be ſolde as is afore reherſed.

¶ Prouided alwayes, that where the carcaſes of any beoffes, muttons, veale, and porke, within any partes or countres of this realme, be vttered and ſolde better chepe, or after laſſe prices, than in this preſente acte is limitted: That this act or any thyng therin conteyned ſhal not extend to any ſuch countie or place, but that they ſhal and may ſell at lyke prices, & after ſuche rate, as they do & vſed before the makynge of this act, vpon peyn as is afore reherſed, any thynge in the ſame conteyned not withſtandynge.

¶ Prouided alway that ſuche perſon and perſones as nowe haue, or that here after ſhal haue the auctorite of Clerke of the market, or to ſette price of vitayles within the townes and vniuerſities of Oxforde & Cambridge, and none other, ſhall haue the onely power and auctorite to execute this preſent acte from tyme to tyme within the ſayde townes and vniuerſities, any thynge in this preſent acte to the contrary not withſtandynge.

## ¶ An acte concernynge ſowynge of flaxe and hempe. Ca. iii.

THe kynges highnes callynge to his mooſt bleſſed remembrance the great nombre of ydell people dayly increaſynge throughout this his realme, ſuppoſeth that one great cauſe therof is by the continuall bringynge into the ſame the great nombre of wares and marchandyſe, made and brought oute and from the parties of beyonde the ſee into this his realme, redy wroughte by manuell occupation: Amongeſte the whiche waares, one kynde of marchandiſe

chandyſe in meruaylous great quantite, whiche is lynnen clothe of diuers ſortes, made in diuers countrayes beyonde the ſee, is dayly conueyed into this realme, Whiche great quantite of linnen clothes ſo brought, is conſumed and ſpent within the ſame: By reaſon wherof not onely the ſayde ſtraunge countrayes, where the ſayde lynnen clothe is made by the policie and induſtry of makynge and ventynge therof, are greatelye enryched, and a merueylous great noumbre of theyr people, men, women, and childzen ſette on woꝛke and occupation, and kepte from idelnes, to the great furtherance and auancement of theyr common welthe: but alſo contrarye wyſe the inhabitantes and ſubiectes of this realme, foꝛ lacke of lyke policie and induſtrye about the inuentynge, practiſynge, and puttynge in exerciſe lyke occupation, being compelled to by all, oꝛ the mooſte parte of the ſayde lynnen clothe continually ſpent and conſumed within this realme, amountynge to ineſtimable ſommes of money, in other regions and countrayes. And alſo the people of this realme, as well men as women, whiche ſhulde and myghte be ſette on woꝛke by exerciſynge of lyke policie and craftis, of ſpynnynge, weauynge, and makynge of lynnen clothe, lyue nowe in ydelnes and ocioſitie, to the hyghe diſpleaſure of almyghtie god, great diminution of the kynges people, and extreme, ruine, decaye, and impoueryſhment of this realme.

¶ Foꝛ reforꝛmation wherof the kynges, royall mageſtye intendynge lyke a mooſte vertuous pꝛynce, to pꝛouyde remedye in the pꝛemiſſes, nothynge ſoo moche coueytynge as the increace of the common welthe of this his realme, with alſo the vertuous exercyſe of his moſte louynge ſubiectes and people, and to aduoyde that mooſt abominable vice of ydelnes out of this realme: Hath by the aduyſe and aſſente of his loꝛdes ſpirituall and tempoꝛall, and the commons in this pꝛeſent parliament aſſembled, and by auctoꝛite of the ſame oꝛdeyned and enacted, that all maner perſons, of what degree, eſtate, oꝛ condycion they be of, hauynge in theyr occupation thꝛe ſcoꝛe acres of errable lande oꝛ paſture, oꝛ thꝛe ſcoꝛe acres of errable lande and paſture, beinge apte foꝛ tyllage, ſhall yerely foꝛ euer, after the feaſte of ſaynete Mychaell the archaungell nexte commynge, at theyr pꝛopꝛe coſtes and charges, tylle and ſowe, oꝛ cauſe to be tylled and ſowen in ſeaſonable tyme one roode, that is to ſaye, the. iiii. parte of one acre, of the londe beinge in theyr occupation, as is afoꝛeſayde, with lynſede, other wyſe called flaxe ſede oꝛ hempe ſede, oꝛ with bothe, the ſayde roode to be ſowen in one place together, oꝛ in ſeuerall places at theyr pleaſure. And ſoo from the ſayd feaſte yerely ſhall tylle and ſowe, oꝛ cauſe to be tylled and ſowen one roode foꝛ euery. lx. acres, whiche he oꝛ they ſhall happen to haue in occupation, as is afoꝛe ſayde, without any fraude oꝛ couine, vpon peine to foꝛfayt. iii. s. iiii. d. foꝛ euery. lx. acres, whiche any perſon oꝛ perſons ſhall haue in occupation (as is afoꝛe ſayd) and not tyll and ſow, oꝛ cauſe to be tylled and ſowen one roode, accoꝛdynge to this acte, in maner and foꝛme afoꝛe reherſed.

¶ AND

¶ AND hit is also enacted, that all Justices of the peace in theyr sessyons, & mayres, sheriffes, and bayliffes in cities, boroughes, and townes corporate, in theyr sessions, or other courtes within the lymittes of theyr commissions and auctorities, shalle haue fulle power and auctoritie to enquere of the offendours of this acte, as welle by the othes of twelue men, as otherwyse by informacion by theyr discretions.

¶ And if any person or persons be presented afore them, within the limittes of theyr auctorities, or any enformation gyuen to theym, of any offendour of this acte: that thanne they shall haue fulle power and auctoritie vppon euery suche presentmente or informacion, to make proces ageyne the offendours of this acte, lyke as is commonly vsed vpon inditementes of trespas. And if any be presented, and afterwarde be conuicted by confession or otherwyse, that he hathe offended contrarie to this acte: that then he shalbe put to no lesse forfayture than is aforesayd, to the vse of the kynge our souerayne lorde, if the offence be without cities, boroughes, or townes corporate. And yf the offence be within any cytie, borroughe, or towne corporate: than the sayde fyne to be to the vse of the mayres, Sherysses, or bayllyffes of the sayde cytie, borroughe, or towne corporate, where the offence shall be presented. And if any be conuicte by confession or otherwyse by examination vppon any informacion made by any person or persons, ageine any offendour or offendours of this acte: that than euery suche persone so conuicte vppon any informacion, shall lose suche forfayture as is aboue remembred, The one halfe therof to the kynge our souerayne lorde, and the other halfe to such as shal make the informacion. And that for the leuienge of euery suche forfayture, as well the Justyces of peace, as mayres, sheryffes, and baylyffes, within the limities of theyr commissions and auctoritie, haue fulle power and auctoritie to make suche proces as they shall seme by theyr discretions.

¶ Prouided alwayes that none informacion at the supte of anye persone concernynge this acte, shall be of anye effecte, to putte anye persone to aunswere or losse of forfayture, excepte the sayde informacion be exhybyted within one yere nexte after the offence done contrarie to this acte: Nor that any informacion or presentment for the kynge be of any effecte, to put any person to any aunswere or losse of any forfayture, by vertue of this act, except the sayd informacion or presentment for the kynge, be with in.ii. yeres next after the offence done and committed contrary to this acte.

¶ Prouided also that parkes for dere, woddes, groues, lowe groundes for medowes, felles, fennes, salte marsshes, hethe groundes, commons, and suche other like groundes, the nature wherof is not apt for tillage, nor any landes or pasture, whiche hath not ben put in tyllage within the space of fyftye yeres, shalle not be accumpted in nor of the numbre of acres, for the whiche anye persone shall be bounde to tylle and sowe anye the sedes afore sayde by vertue of this acte: any thynge in this acte to the contrarie nat withstandynge.

And

¶And hit is farther ordered, that the acres shall be accompted after the rate of .viii. score perches for the acre, and euery perche conteynynge.xvi. foote and halfe of the rule, and not otherwyse. ¶Prouided alwaye that this acte, or any thynge therin conteyned, extende not to suche londes as haue fortuned, or shall fortune to be plowed, tylled, or broken one.ii.or. iii yeres together. in x. or .xii. yeres, or other longer season onely for clensynge of the same from mosse, molle hylles, busshes, or lyke thinge, or for proofe of the aptnes of the ground to bere corne, and not vsed otherwyse in tyme past in tyllage: soo that in those yeres, that it shall fortune the sayde londes not afore excepted to be so plowed, tylled, or broken, the same order be obserued in sowynge the portion therof with lyne or hempsede, as is aforesayde. Ne also shall extende to any groundes inclosed, or to be inclosed, wherin dere haue ben, be, or shall be kepte by the kynges graunt, or otherwyse, any thynge in this present acte made to the contrarye not withstandynge.

¶And for as moche as spirituall persones, whiche doo, or shall haue in theyr handes and occupation, landes for expences of theyr householde, can not conueniently otherwise take any profyte of suche flaxe or hempe, as growen vpon the same, onles by sale to other persons: Be it therfore further enacted, that it may be laufull to all and singular spirituall persons, haupynge in their handes and occupation any maner landes, for expences of theyr householdes, not prohibyted by the lawe, to selle suche flaxe and hempe, as shall growe vppon their landes so beinge in their owne handes and occupation, as is aforesayd, any acte, statute, or prouision made to the contrary not withstandynge.

¶This acte to contynue to the laste daye of the next parlyament.

## ¶An acte where a man kyllynge a theefe shall not forfayte his goodes Capitulo.v.

For as moche as it hath ben in question and ambiguite, that if any euyl disposed person or persons do attempt felonously to robbe, or murder any person or persons, in or nigh any common highway, cartway, horseway, or fotewaye, or in theyr mansion messuages, or dwelling placis, or that felonously do attempt to breke any dwellynge house in the nyghte tyme, shulde happen in his or theyr (beynge in theyr suche felonous intente) to be slayne by hym or them, whom the sayd euyll doers shuld so attempt to robbe or murder, or by any person or persons, beynge in theyr dwellynge house, whiche the same euyll doers shuld attempte burgularly to breke by nyght: if the sayd person, so happenyng in suche cases to slee any suche persone, soo attemptynge to commytte suche murder or burgulary, shulde for the dethe of the sayde euyl disposed person forfayte or lose his goodes and cattalles for the same

ſame, as any other perſone ſhulde do, that by chaunce medeley ſhulde happen to kylle or ſlee any other perſon in his or theyr defence. For the declaration of the whiche ambiguitie and doubte, be hit enacted by the kynge our ſouerayne lorde, with the aſſent of the lordes ſpirituall and temporall, and the commons in this preſent parlyament aſſembled, and by auctoritie of the ſame, that if any perſone or perſons at any tyme here after, be indited or appeled of or for the dethe of any ſuche euyl diſpoſed perſone or perſons, attemptynge to murder, robbe, or burgularly to breke manſion houſes, as is aboue ſayde, that the perſone or perſones ſoo indited or appeled therof, and of the ſame by verdite ſo founde and tried: ſhall not forfayt or loſe any londes, tenementes, goodes, or cattalles, for the deathe of any ſuche euyll diſpoſed perſone, in ſuche maner ſlayne, but ſhall be therof and for the ſame fullye acquited and diſcharged, in lyke maner as the ſame perſon or perſons ſhulde be, if he or they were laufully acquited of the deth of the ſayd euyll diſpoſed perſon or perſons.

## ¶ An acte concernynge ſale of wynes. Ca. vi.

BEcauſe that dyuers marchantes, inhabytynge within the citie of London, haue of late not onelye preſumed to bargayne and ſelle in groſſe to dyuers of the kynges ſubiectes greatte quantities of wynes of Gaſcoygne, Guyon, and Frenche wynes, ſomme for fyue poundes the tonne, ſome for more, and ſome for laſſe, and ſo after the rate of exceſſe prices, contrarye to the forme and effecte of a good & laudable ſtatute, therof lately made in this preſent parliament, holden vpō prorogation therof made, in to the. xv. day of Januarie, in the. xxiii. yere of the kynges moſt noble reine, that is to ſay, contrarie and aboue the prices therof ſet by the right honorable, the lord Chācellor, lorde Treaſaurer, lorde preſident of the kynges moſt honorable counſayle, lorde priuie ſeale, & the two chiefe Juſtices of either benche, wherby they be fallen in to the penalties, lymytted by the ſayde ſtatute, as by dewe proues therof made, by examinations taken before the ſayde lordes, and others of the kynges mooſte honorable counſayle, is welle knowen: but alſo haupnge in theyr handes and poſſeſſions great aboundaunce of wynes by them acquired and bought to be ſolde, obſtinately and malycyouſly, ſyth theyr ſayde attemptates and defautes proued, haue refuſed to bargayne and ſelle to many of the kynges ſubiectes, any of theyr ſayde wynes remaynynge and beinge in theyr handes, purpoſynge and intendynge therby, for theyr owne ſyngulare and vnreaſonable lucres and profyttes, to haue larger and hygher prices of theyr ſayde wynes to be ſette, accordynge to theyr inſaciable appetites and myndes: It is therfore ordeyned, and enacted by auctoritie of this preſent parlyament, that euery marchaunt and other perſone, nowe haupnge, or whiche hereafeer ſhall haue

haue wynes to be solde, and refusynge to selle or delyuer, or not sellynge any of the same wynes for redy money therfore to be payde, accordynge to the price or prices therof than beinge sette, shall forfayte and lose the value of the wyne so required to be bought.

¶ And furthermore be it enacted, that it shall be lefulle to all and synguler Justices of peace, maires, bayllies, and other heed officers and gouernours, in shyres, cities, boroughes, and townes, and in other places of this realme, within the precinctes, and lymyttes of theyr officis, from the laste daye of Apryll, in the yere of oure lorde god. M. D. XXXIII at the desyre and request of any of the kynges subiectes, to whom any denier of sale, or from whom any restraynt of sale of any suche wynes, shall be made, and full payment therfore without delaye offered to be made, accordynge to the prices, whiche at the tyme of suche denier or restraynte of sale, be or shall be sette by the lordes and Justices, or hereafter to be sette, accordynge to the sayde statute heretofore made, to enter in to the howses, sellars, and other places, where suche wynes shall lye or be, and to selle and delyuer the same wyne or wynes desyred to be boughte, to the personne or persones requyrynge or desyrynge to bye the same, Takynge of the byar of the same wyne or wynes, so to be solde, to the vse of satisfaction of the forfayture aforesayd, after the rate of the prices therof nowe beinge sette or hereafter to be sette, as is aforesayde.

¶ Prouyded alwayes, that yf atte the tyme of any suche saale of wyne pourposed to be made, the marchant vintener, or other owner or owners therof, doo trewely, fullye, and manifestly declare and shewe to the sayde Justice of peace, Mayre, bayllyffe, or other heed offycer, pourposynge to make the sayde saale, by vertue of this acte, whatte and howe moche quantie and sortis of wynes he thanne shall haue, and affyrme and depose vppon his bodylye othe, to be made and gyuen by the discretion of the same Justice of peace, Mayre, bayllyffe, or other heed offycer, that he kepethe and retaynethe the same wynes, to the intente onely to drawe and expende the same in his owne howse, by retayle, or otherwyse, and not to sell the same wynes, nor any of them in grosse: that than the same marchante vintener or other owner shall kepe & retayne the same wynes, without any sale therof to be made in forme aboue writen, and withoute any forfayture for refusell or restreynt of sale therof to be made in grosse. And in case that after suche othe soo made, the same marchante vintener or other owner or owners, do sel the same wynes or any of them in grosse, that is to saye, by the Tonne, Butte, Teers, Pype, Hoggeshed, Barell, or Rondelette, he shall forfayte and lose the double value of all suche wynes soo solde in grosse. The one halfe therof, and of the other forfayture aboue writen, to be to the kynge our soueraygne lorde, and the other halfe to the partie or person, that shall sue for the same by action of dette, bylle, pleynt, or information, in whiche suyte none essoen, protection, or wager of lawe shall be had or alowed. Prouided always that this act extende

not to take effecte in any shyre of this realme, other than in the citie of London, and within thre myles compasse of the same: before the laste day of Julye, in the yere of our lorde god aboue written: onelesse that in the meane tyme this statute be openly proclaymed in somme open fayre or markette within the same shyre, where before the sayde laste day of July, it shall happen to be put in execution.

## ¶ An acte to contynue and renue the acte ageynste kyllynge of calues. Cap. vii.

Where in the session of this presente parlyamente, begunne at London, the thyrde day of Nouembre, in the XXI. yere of the reygne of our soueraygne lorde the kyng, that nowe is, & from thens adiorned vnto West mynster, to the fourth daye of the sayde moneth, there was a good and laudable ordinance, acte, & prouision establysshed, concluded, and enacted ageinst kyllynge of yonge suckynge calues, within certayne dayes in the same acte limited, and to endure for the space of thre hole yeres: whiche at the firste daye of Januarie last past, was ended, expired, & passed, as in the same acte more at large it doth appere. And for as moche as it is nowe euidently & manifestly proued and perceyued, that greatte benefitte and commoditie hathe ensued vnto the common weale of this realme, by meane of the sayd acte, and that moche more were lyke to ensue, if the same myght eftesones for a longer season contynue and be renewed: It is therfore ordeyned, establysshed, and enacted, by the kynge our sayde soueraygne lorde, with the assente of the lordes spirituall and Temporall, and the commons in this presente parlyamente assembled, and by the auctorytie of the same, that no maner of personne or personnes, beynge bouchers or other, inhabytynge within this realme, Wales, or the marches of the same, shall from the fyrste daye of Januarie, nexte commynge, durynge two holle yeres from thenseforthe nexte ensuinge, kylle or cause to be kylled, any maner yonge suckynge calfe or calues, to be solde or put to sale to any persone or psons, hole or by retayle, whiche calfe or calues, herafter to be kylled, shall happen to falle or to be calued betwene the sayde fyrste daye of Januarie, and the fyrste day of May, in any of the sayde two hole yeres, vpon peyne of forfayture of. vi. s. viii. d. for euery calfe fallen or calued betwene the sayde dayes, and kylled and putte to saale cantrarye to this acte, to be payde and forfayted by euery suche boucher or bouchers, or any other persone or persons, whiche shall kyll or cause to be kylled and putte to sale any suche calfe or calues so fallynge, and to be calued betwene the sayde fyrste daye of Januarie, and the sayde fyrste daye of Maye, durynge the sayd two hole yeres. The one halfe of euery such forfayture to be to the vse of our sayd souerayn lord the kyng, & the other halfe to the partie that wyll

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ſue for the ſame, by byll, action of det, or information in any of the kynges courtes, wherin no wager of lawe, eſſoyn, nor protection ſhalbe alowed.

¶ Prouyded alwayes, that euery lorde marcher haue the forfaytes, profites, & aduantages only of euery ſuch offender and offenders ageynſt the purueyinge of this acte, within theyr ſeignories, liberties, and franches royall.

¶ Be it alſo enacted, by the auctoritie aforeſaid, that the Juſtices of peace of euery of the ſhires of this realme, within the limittes of theyr commiſſions, ſhall haue full power and auctoritie by force and vertue of this act, at euerye of theyr generall ſeſſions hereafter to be holden and kepte, to inquere, here, and determine the premiſſis, as well by information and preſentment, as by byll, or playnt, wherin no wager of lawe, eſſoyne, or protection for the defendant (as is afore ſayd) ſhalbe admitted or allowed.

## ¶ An acte where defendauntes ſhall not recouer any coſtes. Ca. viii.

BEcauſe as well manye recognyſances, obligations, dentures, and other ſpecialtes, as alſo many contract heretofore haue bene taken and made betwene dyuers perſons beinge of the kynges mooſte honorable counſaylle and others his ſubiectes, and by and betwene other perſons, to the vſe and behofe of oure ſayde ſouerayne lorde the kynge for great ſommes of money, than beynge to his grace due: And for his prouiſions and other cauſes: for whiche dettis actions by the lawes of this realme be to be commenſed, ſued, and proſecuted to the kynges vſe, by and in the name or names of the perſonne or perſonnes, to whome the ſayde recognyſaunces, obligations, and other ſpecialties were made, or by thoſe, to whome the ſayd contractes were made. Be hit therfore ordeyned and enacted, by auctoritie of this preſent parlyamente, that all be hit that the playntife or pleintifes, be or ſhall be nonſuted in any what ſo euer action, ſute, byll, or pleint comenſed or to be commented, ſued or to be ſued, to the vſe of oure ſayde ſouerayne lorde the kyng, his heyres or ſucceſſours, kynges of Englande, or that hit ſhall happen any verdite to paſſe ageynſte any ſuche pleyntyfe or pleyntifes, in any action, ſute, bylle, pleynte, ſued or to be ſued to the kynges vſe: the defendaunt or defendauntes ſhall not recouer any coſtis ayenſte any ſuche plauntife or playntifes, any acte or ſtatute made in this preſent parliament, or any other thynge to the contrarye beinge in any wiſe notwithſtandynge.

## ¶ An acte agaynſte kyllynge of yonge beaſtes called weanlynges. Ca. ix.

Were in the firste session of this present parlyament, begunne at London, the thyrde daye of Nouembre, in the XXI. yere of the reygne of our moste dradde souerayne lorde the kynge that nowe is, and from thens adiorned to Westm̃ to the. iiii. daye of the same monethe, there was a good and profitable ordinance, acte, and prouision made, concernynge kyllynge of calues, right commodious for the publike weale of this realme, as by the same more at large it dothe appere. Whiche act was deuised to the intent that calues ones waied, shulde, as at that tyme was supposed, not haue bene put to slaughter efore they were of conuenient yeres, and mete for beoffe, wherby myghte aue growen the greatter plentie of beffes, & at meaner prices within this ralme, to the increace of the common weale of the same: yet neuer the le dyuers persons, more regardynge theyr priuate lucre and singular fyte and gayne, than the common weale of the sayde realme, haue vse the makynge of the sayde acte, and yet doo, to kylle yonge beastd waynlynges, steres, bullockes, and hesters, of one or two yere or lyttel more: by meane wherof a great parte of the benefytte that shulde haue folowed of the sayde acte, hath bene frustrate and voyde. It is therfore enacted, ordeyned, and establysshed, by the kynge oure souerayne lorde, with the assent of the lordes spiritualle and temporalle, and the commons in this present parlyamente assembled, and by auctorite of the same, that no maner of person or persones, beinge bouchers or other, inhabytynge within this realme, Wales, or marches of the same, shall from the feaste of the natiuite of saynte Johñ Baptyst nexte commynge, kylle or cause to be kylled any maner of weynlynges, bullocke, stere, or hesther being vnder the age of. ii. yeres, to the intente to make sale therof to any persone or persones, holle or by retayle, vppon peyne of. vi. s. viii. d. for euery of the sayde weinlynges, bullokes, steres, or hesters, beinge vnder the age of. ii yeres, kylled and put to sale contrarye to this acte, to be payd and forfayted by euery suche boucher & bouchers, and other, whiche shall kyll or cause to be kylled and putte to sale contrarye to this acte, any suche weynlynge, bullocke, stere, or hesther, vnder the age afore sayde, from and after the sayde feaste of the natiuitie of saynt Johñ the Baptiste nexte ensuinge, as is afore sayde: The one halfe of euery suche forfayture to be to the vse of our sayde souerayne lorde the kynge, and the other halfe to the partie that wyll sue for the same by bylle, action of dette, or information in any of the kynges courtis, wherin no wager of lawe, essoyne, or protection shalbe allowed.

¶ Prouyded alwayes that euery lorde marcher haue the forfaytes, profytes and aduauntages onelye of euery suche offender and offenders, ageynste the purueyenge of this act, within theyr seignories, lyberties, and franchises royall.

¶ Be it also enacted, by the auctorite aforesayd, that the Justices of peace of ene-

of euery of the shires of this realme, within the limittes of theyr commissions shall haue full power and auctoritie by force and vertue of this act, at euerye of theyr generall sessions hereafter to be holden and kepte, to inquere here, and determine the premissis, as well by information and presentment, as by byll, or playnt, wherin no wager of lawe, essayne, or protection for the defendant (as is afore sayd) shalbe admitted or allowed.

¶ This acte to endure to the nexte parlyament.

## ¶ An acte made to distroye choughes, crowes, and rookes. Capit. x.

For as moche as innumerable numbre of rookes, crowes, and choughes, do daily brede & increace throughout this realme, which rokes, crowes, and choughes do yerely distroy, deuour, and consume a wonderfull and meruailous great quantite of [illegible]e and greyne, of all kyndes, that is to wytte, as well in the sowynge [illegible]e same corne and grayne, as also at the rypinge and kernellynge of [illegible]ame, and ouer that a meruailous distruction and decaye of the couertures of thatched houses, bernes, reekes, stackes, and other suche lyke so that if the sayd crowes, rookes, and choughes, shuld be suffred to brede and continue as they haue ben in certayn yeres past, they wyll vndoutedly be the cause of the great distruction and consumption of a great part of the corne and grayne, whiche hereafter shall be sowen throughe oute this realme, to the great preiudice, damage, and vnddynge of the great nombre of all the tyllers, husbandes, and sowers of the erthe within the same. For remedy wherof, be it enacted, by the auctoritie of this present parlyament, that euery person and persones, as well spirituall as temporall, hauynge, kepynge, holdynge, and inhabytynge in any manours, meases, landes, or tenementes in their owne manurance and occupation, of any estate of inheritance, or for terme of lyfe, or for yeres, or atte wylle, or by copie of court rolle, or otherwyse in possession or vse, shal hereafter do and cause to be done as moche as in hym or in them reasonably shall or maye be, to kyll and vtterly distroy all maner of choughes, crowes, and rookes, commynge, abidynge, bredynge, or hauntynge within or vppon any the sayd manours, meases, londes, or tenementes, whiche he or they shall inhabit & dwel vpon, & haue in theyr manurance and occupation (as is afore sayd) vpon peyn of a greuous amercyament, to be set and assessed, as hereafter shall be expressed: that is to say, that if any offence be done contrarie to this estatute by any person or persons, inhabited within the limittes of the letes, lawedayes, rapes, or courtbarons of any lordes, hauynge suche courtes, that than vppon a presentment therof made before the stewarde of suche letis, lawdayes, rapes, or courtes, the stewarde with two of the presentours, by the stewarde and presentours to be named, shall assesse and set for euery defaute presented to be done contrary to this act su

the amercyamentes as to theym shall seme reasonable and conuenient, after the quantitie of the offence: the sayde amercyamente to be to the vse of the lorde or lordes of the letes, lawdayes, rapes, or courtes, where the sayde offence shall be done and presented, to be leuied by distresse of the goodes and cattalles, of the offendour or offendours lyke as other amercyamentes for common anoylaunces presented in letis, hathe be accustomed to be leuied.

¶ And if the offence be done contrary to this estatute by any person or persons, whiche shall dwell and haue the manurance of and in suche maners, meases, landes, tenementes, or hereditamentes, wherevnto suche letis, lawdays, rapes, or courtes belongen, or by reson wherof any such courtis ben holden: that than vpon a presentment therof had before the shireffes in their Turnes, or Justices of peace in their sessyons, the stewarde of the Tourne, with two of the presentours, to be chosen as is aforesayde, yf the presentment be within the Turne, and the Justices of peace, or one of them at the leeste, yf the presentment be before them in their sessions shall assesse and set the sayd amerciament after the quantitie of the offence by their discretions, to be had and leuied to the vse of our souerayne lorde the kynge by distresse, lyke as other amercyamentes be leuied vppon presentmentes of common annoysances.

¶ And further be it enacted, by the auctoritie aforesaid, that in euery paryshe, towneshyp, hamlet, borough, or village, within this realme, wherin is at the leest ten householdes inhabyted, the tenantes and inhabitantes therof shall before the feaste of sayncte Mychaell the archaungell next, and so durynge ten yeres vnto ensuinge the sayde feaste, at their owne propre costis, chargis, and expences, prouide, make, or cause to be made one nette, commonly called a nette to take choughes, crowes, and rookes, with all thynges requisite or belongynge to the same. And the sayd nette, so made or caused to be made, shall kepe, preserue, & renue as often as shall nede: And with and after a shrape made with chaffe, or other thynge mete for that purpose, shall laye or cause to be layde at suche tyme or tymes in the yere as is conuenient for distruction of suche choughes, rokes, & crowes, and in suche place and places, as shall be thoughte expedient to take the sayde choughes, crowes, and rookes, vppon peyne to forfayte tenne shyllynges: the one moytie therof to be to our souerayne lorde the kynge, and the other moytie to the lorde or lordes of the same courtis, letis, lawdays, or rapes, where any suche nette shall be lackynge, and not made and put in execution, accordynge to this acte, to be leuied of the sayde tenantes and inhabitantes of the sayde paryshe, towneshyppe, hamlette, borough, or village, where any suche nette shall be lackynge, and not putte in vre and execution, as is aforesayde. And that euery suche nette, with all thynges requisite thervnto, shal one tyme in the yere at the leest, be presented in the court baron, lete, rape, or lawday before the steward of the same court, lete, rape, or lawday, wherevnto the sayd tenantes & inhabitantis shall be boun-

bounden to sue and appere, to be viewed, whether the same be sufficientelye repayred or not, for the foresayde pourpose: soo that by the advyse of the stewarde, tenantes, and inhabytantes of the sayd Courte baron, lete, rape, or lawdaye, where any suche nette shalbe necessarie to be vsed, a sure waye and ordenaunce maye be devysed for the reparation, continuance, and puttynge in execution of the sayde nette, at tymes and places conuenient, as is afore sayde. And that suche ordynaunces as shall be diuised and made by the stewarde, tenauntes, and inhabytantes of and within the sayd letis, lawdayes, rapes, and courtes, or by the most parte of them, to & for the distruction of the sayde rookes, crowes, and choughes, shall stande good and effectuall, and be putte in dewe execution, accordynge to the tenour therof.

¶ And further be it enacted, by the auctoritie aforesayd, that as wel suche person & persons, as shal inhabit & haue in his manurance and occupation any manours, meases, londes, tenementes, or other hereditamentes, wher vnto any suche letes, lawedayes, rapes, or courtes appertaynethe, or by reason wherof any suche courtes bene holden, as the tenauntes and fermours, inhabytynge and haunge in theyr manurance and occupation any meses, londes, tenementes, or heredytamentes holden of suche manours, meases, or other heredytamentes, where vnto suche courtes (as is afore sayde) belongen, shall yerely, durynge the sayde tenne yeres, at suche dayes, places, and tymes, as by the stewarde of suche letes, lawedayes rapis or courtes shall be appoynted, assemble them selfe to gether, to viewe, visyte, and survey all the sayde manours, meses, londes, tenementes, and hereditamentes, where they or any of theym shall happen to dwell or inhabyte, and be resident, and therupon shall agree and conclude, howe and by what meanes it shalbe beste possible to distroye all the ponge brede of the sayde choughes, crowes, and rookes, for that yere, and the same assemblee, viewe, and visitation shall make yerely (durynge the sayd tenne yeres) at moste conuenient and apte tyme for the same, and shall put the same in due execution, so as the sayd ponge brede of choughes, crowes, & rookes may be vtterly distroyde, vppon peyne to forfayte for euery yere omyttynge suche assemblee, endeuoyr, and viewe makynge, accordynge to this acte. xx. s. after presentment of suche defaut hadde before the kynges Justices of peace: The one halfe of whiche forfayture to be to the kynge our souerayn lorde, and the other halfe to be to the presentours of the sayd offence, to be leuied by distresse, lyke as amerciamentes for common anoysaunces haue ben accustomed to be leuied.

¶ AND fourther be it enacted, by the auctorite aforesayd, that as well the Justices of peace in theyr sessions, and shyreffis in theyr Turnes, as stewardes, mayres, and baylies elected, in theyr letis, lawdays, rapes, and Courtbarons, to be hereafter holden before them or any of them, shall gyue in charge to the tenauntes and inhabytantes, and all other apperynge before any of them, that they shall duely inquere and putte in execution the effecte

effect of the p̄emysses in due tyme, so that this acte may be fully and truely executed, and the choughes, crowes, and rookes, therby distroyed in all places of this realme, accordynge to the meanynge and trewe intent of this estatute.

¶ And ouer this it is enacted, that it shall be laufull to euery persone and persones, onely myndynge and wyllynge to take and distroye the sayde crowes, rookes, or choughes, after request therof made vnto the owner or occupier of the same grounde, where suche crowes, rookes, or choughes, haunt or brede, to entre, take, and carie awaye all suche rookes, choughes, and crowes, as he shall take that same day, in whiche suche request shalbe made, from tyme to tyme, without lette, impediment, or impechement by any maner meane of the sayde owner or occupier of the same.

¶ And hit is further enacted, that euerye fermour or owner, haupnge in his owne manuraunce and occupation, any manours, meases, londes, tenementes, or other heredytamentes, whereof the yerely value or rente amounteth to. v.li. shal pay and gyue to euery suche persone, whiche by his dilygence, labour, and industrye, atte his owne p̄oper costes, dothe take any olde crowes, rokes, or choughes within and vpon the sayd manors, meses, londes, or groūdes of the yerely value afore sayde. ii.d. for euery. xii. olde crowes, rookes, or choughes, that any suche persone shall take, brynge, and offre to any suche fermour or owner: And for euerye. vi. olde crowes, rookes, or choughes, a peny, and for euery. iii. olde, a halfepeny. And if any suche owner or fermoure refuse to paye the sayde money accordynge (as is aforesayde) than vppon complaynte and p̄ofe therof made to any of the Justices of peace, or high constable, the sayde Justyce of peace or hygh constable shall cause the sayde money to be leuied by dystres of the goodis & cattelles of euery such fermour or occupier, refusing to paye the sayde money accordynge to the tenour and effecte of this acte.

¶ Prouided alway that no person or persons by colour or auctoryte of this acte, shall take or kylle any doues or pigeons, vppon the peynes ly-mytted by the lawes and customes of this realme heretofore for suche ofences vsed and accustomed.

## ¶ An acte for paupnge of the hygh way betwene the stronde crosse and Charynge crosse. Cap. xi.

IN mooste humble wyse shewe and beseche your hyghnes your poore subiectes thinhabytantes dwellyng in the parysshes of saynt Martine in the felde nexte Charynge crosse, our ladye at Stronde, and saynt Clement Danes without Temple barre of London in your cōtie of Mydd, that where the cōmon high waye, betwene Charinge crosse aforesaid, and the Stronde crosse, is very noyous and foule, & in many places therof very ieopardous to all your liege people, that wayes passynge & repassynge, as well on horsebacke as on foote, bothe

both in winter and in ſommer, by nyght and by daye: The very occaſyon wherof hath ben and yet is, that the landlo;des and owners of all the landes and tenementes nexte adioynynge on bothe ſydes of the ſayde cõmon high wey, be and haue ben remiſſe and negligent, and alſo refuſe and wyll nat make and ſuppo;te the ſayde highe way with pauynge, euery of them after the po;tion of his grounde adioynynge to the ſame hygh wayes.

And fo; as moche moſte gratious ſouerayne lo;de as the ſayd high waye, is and hath bene of continuance greatlye occupied, as well with your ſubiectes and with they; cartis and caryages, reparynge, to and from your cytie of London, from dyuers parties of this your realme, as with your ſubiectes paſſynge and repaſſynge to and from the towne of Weſtmynſtre, about the nedes of your lawes, there kept in the terme ſeaſon: whiche waye if it were ſufficiently paued and made, after the maner of the pauement of the ſtrete betwen the ſayde Stronde croſſe and temple barre, hit ſhulde not onelye than be a greatte comfo;te to alle your ſubiectes there aboutis dwellynge, but alſo to alle other your liege people, that wayes paſſynge and repaſſinge. Pleaſe it therfo;e your highnes, of your moſte abundant grace, that with thaſſent of your hyghnes, and the lo;des ſpyrituall and tempo;all, and the commons in this your p;eſent parlyament aſſembled, and by auctho;itie of the ſame, that it be enacted, o;deyned, and eſtablyſhed, that all and euerye perſonne and perſones, they; hey;es and ſucceſſours, the whiche nowe be o; at any tyme frome hensfo;the ſhall be ſeaſed in poſſeſſion o; in vſe of any manour, landes, o; tenementes in any wyſe adioynynge to the ſaid hygh wayes, betwene the ſayde Stronde croſſe and Charynge croſſe, be it on the one ſyde of the ſame waye o; on the other, of any aſtate of fee ſymple, fee tayll, o; fo; terme of lyfe, ſhall befo;e the feaſt of ſaint Mihell tharchangel, the whiche ſhalbe in the yere of our lo;de god . M.D.XXXIII. ſufficientlye paue o; cauſe to be paued with pauyng ſtone the ſayd highe way alonge from his o; they; londes o; tenementes, adioyning to the ſaid hygh way, vnto the middes of the ſame way, in ſuche and lyke fo;me, as the highe ſtrete betwene Temple barre and Stronde croſſe afo;eſayd, is paued, vpon peyne to fo;fayte to your highnes, your heires, and ſucceſſours fo; euery yard ſquare, not ſufficiẽtly paued by the ſaid day limitted and aſſigned, in fo;me befo;e exp;eſſed. vi.d.

And be it alſo enacted by the auctho;itie afoſeſayd, that al and euery perſon and perſons, haupnge any of the ſayde londes and tenementes in poſſeſſion o; in vſe, in fee ſimple, fee tayle, o; fo; terme of lyfe adioynynge to the ſayde high way, their heires and ſucceſſours, ſhall from and after the ſayd feaſte of ſaynct Michaell, the whiche ſhall be in the ſayde yere of our lo;de god. M. D. XXXIII. ſufficientely meynteyne the pauemente of the ſayd way ageynſt euery of they; landes o; tenementes, in ſuche and lyke fo;me, as is aboue declared, vpon peyne to fo;fayte to your highneſſe fo; euery yard ſquare of the ſayde pauement, not ſufficiently paued, repared, and amended, as often as any ſuche defaute of any perſon ſhalbe p;eſen-

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red before your Justices of the plees before your highnes to be holde. vi.d.
And that it be further enacted by the auctorite aforesaid, that your sayd Justices, for the tyme beinge, may haue full power and auctorite to enquere in euery terme to be holden after the sayde feaste of saynct Michael, the whiche shall be in the sayde yere of our lorde god. M.D.XXXIII. by the othe of. XII. men of the sayde countie, as well of them that haue not paued, accordynge to the prouision aforsayde, as also of them that remisly or insufficiently shall hereafter meynteyne the same pauement accordynge to the sayde prouision. And that the sayde Justices may haue power and auctorite, after suche defaute before them presented, to make proces by distresse or other wyse by theyr discretion, ageynste the sayde offenders, theyr heires, and successours, as well for makynge, repayrynge, and amendinge of the sayde hygh way, as for the sayd penaltie so forfayted.

## An acte that appeles in suche cases as hath ben vsed to be pursued to the See of Rome shall not be from hensforthe had ne vsed but within this realme. Ca. xii.

Where by dyuers sondrye olde autentyke histories & cronicles hit is manyfestlye declared and expressed, that this realme of Englande is an Impire, & so hath ben accepted in the worlde gouerned by one supreme heed and kynge, hauyng the dignitie and royall astate of thimperiall crowne of the same: Unto whom a body politike, compacte of all sortes & degrees of people, deuyded in termes and by names of spiritualtie and temporaltie, ben bounden and owen to beare nexte to god, a naturall and humble obedience, He beynge also institute and furnysshed by the goodnes and suffraunce of almyghtye god, with plenarie, holle, and entire power, preeminence, auctorite, prerogatiue, and iurisdiction, to rendre and yelde Justice and fynall determination to all maner of folke resiauntes or subiectes within this his realme in al causes, matters, debates, and contentions, happenynge to occurre, insurge, or begyn within the limittes therof, without restreynt or prouocation to any forein princes or potentates of the world: The body spirituall wherof hauynge power whan any cause of the lawe diuine happened to come in question, or of spirituall lernyng, than hit was declared, interprete, and shewed by that parte of the sayde body politike, called the spiritualtie, nowe beinge vsuallye called the englysshe churche, whiche alwayes hath bene reputed and also founde of that sorte, that boothe for knowlege, integrite, and sufficiencie of noumbre, hit hathe bene alwayes thought, and is also at this houre, sufficient and mete of it selfe, withoute the intermedlynge of any exterior personne or persones, to declare and determine all suche doutes, and to admynister all suche offices and dueties as to theyr roumes spiritualle dothe apperteyne. For the due administration wherof, and to kepe them from corruption and sinistre affection, the kynges

kynges mooste noble progenitours, and the antecessours of the nobles of this realme, haue sufficientlye endowed the sayde churche boothe with honour and possessions. And the lawes temporalle, for triall of proprietie of landes and goodes, and for the conseruation of the people of this realme in vnite and peace, without rauin or spoile, was and yet is administred, adiudged, and executed by sondry iudges and ministers of the other parte of the sayde bodye polytike, called the Temporaltie: And boothe their auctorities and iurisdictions do conioyn to gether in the due administration of Justyce, the one to helpe the other.

¶ AND where as the kinge his mooste noble progenitours, and the nobylitie and commons of this sayde Realme, at dyuerse and sondrye parlyamentes, as welle in the tyme of kynge EDVVARDE the fyrste, EDVVARDE the thyrde, RYCHARDE the seconde, HENRY the fourthe, and other noble kynges of this realme, made sondrye ordynaunces, lawes, statutes, and prouisions, for the entiere and sure conseruation of the prerogatyues, liberties, and preeminences of the sayde imperyalle crowne of this realme, and of the iurisdictions spiritualle and temporall of the same, to kepe hit from the annoyaunce as welle of the See of Rome, as fromme the auctorite of other forreyne potentates, attemptynge the diminution or violation therof, as often and frome tyme to tyme, as any suche annoyaunce or attempte myghte be knowen or espied. And not withstandynge the sayde good statutes and ordynaunces, made in the tyme of the kynges mooste noble progenitours, in preseruation of the auctorytie and prerogatiue of the sayde imperialle crowne, as is aforesayde: yet neuer the lesse sythen the makynge of the sayde good statutes and ordynaunces, dyuers and sondrye inconueniences and daungyers, not prouyded for playnely, by the sayde former actes, statutes, and ordynaunces, haue rysen and spronge, by reason of appeales sewed oute of this realme to the See of Rome, in causes testamentarie, causes of matrimonie, and diuorces, ryghte of tithes, oblations, and obuentions, not onely to the greatte inquietation, veration, trouble, costis and charges of the kynges hyghnesse, and manye of his subiectis and resiauntis in this his realme, but also to the greatte delaye and lette to the trewe and spedye determynation of the sayde causes, for so moche as the parties, appelynge to the sayde courte of Rome, mooste commonly do the same for the delaye of Justice. And for as moche as the greatte distance of way is so farre out of this realme, so that the necessarye proues, nor the true knowlege of the cause can neyther there be so welle knowen, ne the wytnesses there so welle examined as within this realme, so that the parties greued by meanes of the sayde appeles, be moste tymes withoute remedy. In consideration wherof the kynges hyghnes, his nobles, and commons considerynge the greatte enormities, daungers, longe delayes, and hurtes, that as well to his highnes as to his sayde nobles, subiectes, commons, and resiauntes of this his realme, in the sayde causes testa-

mentarye, cauſes of matrimonye, and deuorces, tythes, oblations, and obuentions, do daylye enſue, Dothe therfore by his royall aſſente, and by the aſſente of the lordes ſpiritualle and temporalle, and the commons in this preſente parlyamente aſſembled, and by auctorite of the ſame enacte, eſtablyſſhe, and ordeyne, that all cauſes teſtamentarye, cauſes of matrimonye and diuorces, tyghtes of tythes, oblations, and obuencyons, (the knowlege whereof by the goodneſſe of princis of this realme, and by the lawes and cuſtomes of the ſame apperteynethe to the ſpiritualle iurisdiction of this realme) alle redye commenſed, moued, dependynge, beinge, happenynge, or hereafter commynge in contention, debate, or queſtion within this realme, or within any the kynges dominions or marches of the ſame, or elles where, whether they concerne the kynge oure ſoueraygne lorde, his heyres or ſucceſſours or any other ſubiectes or reſiauntes within the ſame, of what degree ſo euer they be, ſhall be frome hens forthe harde, examined, diſcuſſed, clerely, finally, and diffinitiuelye adiudged and determyned within the kynges iurisdiction and auctorytie, and not elles where, in ſuche courtes ſpirituall and temporalle of the ſame, as the natures, conditions, and qualyties of the cauſes and matters afore ſayde, in contentyon, or hereafter happenynge in contention, ſhall require, without haynge any reſpecte to any cuſtome, vſe, or ſufferaunce, in hynderaunce, lette, or preiudice of the ſame, or to any other thynge vſed or ſuffered to the contrarye therof by any other maner perſone or perſones in any maner of wyſe, Anye foreyne inhybytions, appeales, ſentences, ſommons, citations, ſuſpentions, interdictions, excommunications, reſtreyntes, iudgementes, or any other proces, or impedimentes, of what natures, names, qualities, or conditions ſoo euer they be, from the See of Rome, or any other foreyne courtes, or potentates of the worlde, or fromme and out of this realme, or any other the kynges dominions, or marches of the ſame, to the ſee of Rome, or to any other forein courtis, or potentates, to the lette or impedimente therof, in any wyſe not withſtandynge.

¶ AND that it ſhall be lefulle to the kynge oure ſoueraygne lorde, and to his heires, and ſucceſſours, and to all other ſubiectes or reſiantes within this realme, or within any the kynges dominions, or marches of the ſame, not withſtandynge that herafter it ſhuld happen any excommengemente, excommunications, interdictions, citations, or any other cenſures, or forein proces out of any outwarde parties to be fulminate, prouulged, declared, or put in execution within this ſayde realme, or in any other place or places, for any of the cauſes before reherſed, in preiudice, derogation, or contempte of this ſayde acte, and the veary true meanynge and execution therof, maye and ſhall neuer the les as well purſue, execute, haue, and enioy the effectes, profites, benefites, and commodities of all ſuche proceſſes, ſentences, iudgementes, and determinacions, done, or hereafter to be done in any the ſayde courtes ſpirituall or temporalle, as the caſes

ſhall

ſhal requere, within the limittes, power, and auctoꝛitie of this the kynges ſayde realme and dominions, and marches of the ſame, And thoſe onelye and none other to take place and to be firmely obſerued and obeyed with in the ſame, as alſo that all the ſpirituall pꝛelates, paſtours, miniſters, and curates within this realme and the dominions of the ſame, ſhall and maye vſe, miniſter, execute, and do, oꝛ cauſe to be vſed, miniſtred, executed and doone all ſacramentes, ſacramentals, diuine ſeruicis, and alle other thynges, within the ſayde realme and dominions, vnto alle the ſubiectes of the ſame, as catholyke and chꝛiſten men owen to do, any foꝛmer citations, pꝛoceſſes, inhibytions, ſuſpenſions, interdictions, excommunications, oꝛ appeles, foꝛ oꝛ touchynge any of the cauſes afoꝛe ſayde, from oꝛ to the See of Rome, oꝛ any other foꝛeyne pꝛince oꝛ foꝛeyne courtes, to the let oꝛ contrarye therof in any wyſe not withſtandynge.

¶ AND IF ANY of the ſayde ſpirituall perſonnes by the occaſion of the ſayde fulminations of any of the ſame interdictions, cenſures, inhibitions, excommunications, appeles, ſuſpenſions, ſommons, oꝛ other foꝛein citations, foꝛ the cauſes befoꝛe ſayde, oꝛ foꝛ any of them, do at any tyme hereafter refuſe to miniſtre, oꝛ to cauſe to be miniſtred the ſayde ſacramentes and ſacramentals, and other diuine ſeruicis, in foꝛme as is afoꝛeſayd, ſhall foꝛ euery ſuche tyme oꝛ tymes, that they oꝛ any of them do refuſe ſoo to do, oꝛ to cauſe to be done, haue one yeres impꝛiſonmente, and to make fine and raunſome at the kynges pleſure.

¶ AND IT IS ferther enacted by the auctoꝛyte afoꝛe ſayde, that if any perſonne oꝛ perſonnes inhabytinge oꝛ reſyaunte within this realme oꝛ within any the kynges ſayde dominions, oꝛ marches of the ſame, oꝛ any other perſonne oꝛ perſonnes, of what eſtate, condition, oꝛ degree ſo euer he oꝛ they be, at any tyme hereafter, foꝛ oꝛ in any the cauſes afoꝛe ſayde, doo attempte, moue, purchaſe, oꝛ procure, frome, oꝛ to the See of Rome, oꝛ from oꝛ to any other foꝛein Courte oꝛ Courtes, out of this realme, any maner foꝛeyn pꝛoces, inhibitions, appeles, ſentences ſomons, citations, ſuſpẽtions, interdictions, excõmunications, reſtreintis, oꝛ iugementes, of what nature, kynde, oꝛ qualitie ſo euer they be, oꝛ execute any of the ſame pꝛoces, oꝛ do any acte oꝛ actes, to the lette, impediment, hinderance oꝛ derogation of any pꝛoces, ſentẽce, iugement, oꝛ determination, hadde, made, done, oꝛ hereafter to be had, done, oꝛ made in any courtis of this realme, oꝛ the kynges ſayde dominions oꝛ marches of the ſame, foꝛ any of the cauſes afoꝛeſayde, contrarie to the true meanynge of this pꝛeſent acte, and therecution of the ſame: that than euerye ſuche perſonne oꝛ perſons, ſo doing, and theyꝛ fautours, comfoꝛters, abbettours, pꝛocurers, executers, and counſaylours and euery of theym, beinge conuicte of the ſame, foꝛ euery ſuche defaute ſhall incurre and runne in the ſame peynes, penalties, and foꝛfaytures oꝛdeyned and pꝛouyded by the ſtatute of pꝛouiſion, and pꝛemunire made in the. XVI. yere of the reigne of the ryghte noble pꝛince kynge Rycharde the ſeconde, agaynſt ſuche as attempte, pꝛo-

cure or make prouision to the See of Rome, or els where, for any thynge or thinges, to the derogation, or contrary to the prerogatiue or iurisdiction of the Crowne and dignitie of this realme.

¶ AND furthermore in eschewynge the sayde greatte enormities, inquietations, delayes, charges, and expences hereafter to be susteyned in pursewynge of suche appeles, and foreyne proceſſe, for and concernynge the causes aforesayde, or any of theym, doo therfore by auctoritie aforesayde ordeyne and enacte, that in suche cases, where heretofore any of the kynges subiectes or resiantes, haue vsed to pursue, prouoke, or procure any appele to the See of Rome, and in all other cases of appeles, in or for any of the causes afore sayde, they maye and shall frome henseforthe take, haue, & vse theyr appeles within this realme, & not els where, in maner and forme as hereafter ensueth, and not otherwise, that is to saye, Fyrste from the archedeacon, or his officiall, if the matter or cause be there begunne, to the bysshoppe diocesan, of the sayde See, if in case any of the parties be greued. And lyke wyse if it be commensed before the bysshop diocesan, or his commissarie, from the bisshoppe diocesan, or his commissarie, within fyftene dayes nexte ensuynge the iudgemente or sentence therof there youen, to the archebysshop of the prouince of Canturburye, if it be within his prouince, and if it be within the prouince of yorke, than to the archebysshoppe of yorke: and so lykewyse to all other archebysshoppes, in other the kynges dominions, as the case by the order of iustice shall require, and there to be diffinitiuely and finally ordered, decreed, and adiudged, accordynge to Justice, without any other appellation or prouocation to any other persone or persones, courte or courtes. And if the matter or contention for any of the causes afore sayde, be or shall be commensed by any of the kynges subiectes or resiauntes, before the archedeacon of any archebisshop or his cõmissarie, than the partie greued, shall or maye take his appele within .xv. dayes next after iugemente or sentence there youen, to the courte of the Arches or Audience of the same archebysshop or archebysshoppes, and frome the sayde courte of the Arches or audience within .xv. dayes than nexte ensuynge, after iugement or sentence there gyuen, to the archebysshoppe of the same prouince, there to be diffinitiuely and finally determyned without any other or ferther proces or appele therupon to be had or sued.

¶ AND IT is ferther enacted by the auctorite afore sayde, that all and euerye matter, cause, and contention nowe dependyng, or that here after shalbe cõmensed by any of the kynges subiectes or resiauntes, for any of the causes aforesayde, before any of the sayde archebysshops: that than the same matter or matters, contentiõ or contentions, shalbe before the same archebysshop, where the sayd matter cause or proces shalbe so commensed, deffinitiuely determined, decreed, or adiudged, without any other appele, prouocation, or any other foreyne proces oute of this realme, to be sued to the lette or derogation of the sayde iudgement, sentence, or decree, otherwyse

wise that is by this acte limitted & appoynted. Sauynge alwayes the pre-
rogatiue of tharchebysshoppe and churche of Caunterbury, in all the fore-
sayde cases of appeles, to hym and to his successours to be sued within
this realme, in suche and lykewyse as they haue ben accustomed and vsed
to haue heretofore. And in case any cause, matter, or contention, nowe de-
pendynge for the causes before rehersed, or any of them, or that hereafter
shall come in contention for any of the same causes, in any of the forsayde
courtes, which hath, doth, shall, or may touche the king, his heyres, or suc-
cessours kynges of this realme: that in all & euery suche case or cases, the
partie greued, as before is sayde, shal or may appele from any of the sayde
courtes of this realme, where the sayde matter now being in contention, or
hereafter shall come in cõtention, touchynge the kinge, his heires, or succes-
sours (as is afore sayde) shall happen to be ventilate cõmensed, or begon,
to the spirituall prelates and other abbottes and priours of the vpper
house, assembled and conuocate by the kynges writte in the conuocation
beinge or next insuinge, within the prouince or prouinces, where the same
matter of cõtẽtion, is or shalbe begon. So that euery such appele be taken
by the ptie greued, within. xv. dayes next after the iudgemente or sentence
therypon youen or to be youen. And that what soo euer be done or shall
be done, and affirmed, determined, decreed, and adiudged by the foresayde
prelates, abbottes, and priours of the vpper house of the sayde conuoca-
tion, as is afore sayde, appertaynynge, concernynge, or belongynge to the
kynge, his heires, & successours, in any of these forsayde causes of appeles:
shall stonde & be taken for a finall decre, sentence, iudgement, diffinition,
& determination, & the same matter so determined, neuer after to come in
question & debate, to be examined in any other Court or courtis. And if it
shall happẽ any pson or psons hereafter to pursue or prouoke any appele,
contrarie to the effect of this act, or refuse to obey, execute, and obserue all
thinges comprysed within the same, concernynge the sayde appeles, prouo-
cations, and other forein processes to be sued oute of this realme for any
the causes aforesayde, that then euery suche persone and persones, soo do-
inge, refusinge, or offendynge, contrarie to the true meaninge of this acte,
their procurers, fautours, aduocates, counsaylours, and abbettours, and
euerye of them, shall incurre in to the peynes, forfaitures, and penalties
ordeined and prouided in the said statute made in the said. xvi. yere of kyng
Richarde the seconde, & with lyke proces to be made ayenste the sayd offen
dors, as in the same statute made the said. xvi. yere more plainly appereth.

## An acte for reformation of excesse in apparaile. Ca. xiii.

Where before this tyme diuers lawes, ordinances, and statu-
tes haue ben with great deliberation and auise prouided esta
blished and diuised for the necessarie repressinge, auoydinge,
and expellinge of the inordinate excesse dayly more and more

vſed in the ſumptuous and coſtlye araye and apparaile, accuſtomablye wo3ne in this realme: wherof hath enſued and dayly do chance ſuche ſo3te, high, and notable inconueniences, as be to the great, manifeſt, and noto3ious detriment of the common weale, the ſubuercion of good and politike o3der in knowelege and diſtinction of people, acco3dynge to they3 eſtates, p3eemine̅ces, dignities, and degrees, & to the vtter enpoueryſhme̅t and vndoinge of many inexpert & light pe3ſons, inclined to p3ide, mother of all vices: Whiche good lawes notwithſtandinge, the oulteragious exceſſe therin is rather from time to time increſed than diminiſhed, eyther by occaſion of the peruerſe and frowarde maners and vſage of people, o3 fo3 that errours & abuſes ones rooted and taken in to longe cuſtome, be not facilly and at ones without ſomme moderation fo3 a tyme relinquiſſhed and refo3med. In conſideration wherof, and fo3 a reſonable o3der and remedy lyke to be obſerued, perfo3med, and continually kepte, It is by the kynges highnes, the lo3des ſpirituall and tempo3all, and the commons in this p3eſente parliamente aſſembled, and by aucto3itie of the ſame enacted, eſtabliſſhed, and o3deyned, in maner and fo3me folowynge.

¶ Fy3ſte that no perſon o3 perſons, of what eſtate, dignitie, degre, o3 condicion ſo euer they be, from the feaſte of the Purificatiō of our lady, whiche ſhalle be in the yere of oure lo3de. M.D. XXXIII. vſe o3 weare in any maner they3 apparayle, o3 vppon they3 ho3ſe, mule, o3 other beaſte, any ſilke of the colour of purpure, ne any clothe of golde, of tiſſue, but onelye the kinge, the quene, the kynges mother, the kynges chyld3en, the kynges b3etherne, and ſyſters, and the kynges vncles and auntes: except that hit ſhalbe leful to all dukes and marquiſes to weare and vſe in they3 doublettes and ſleueles cotes, clothe of golde of tiſſue, and in none other they3 garmentes, So that the ſame to be wo3ne by ſuche dukes and marquiſes excede not the p3ice of. v. li. the yerde. Pro3uided that this wo3de purpure extende not to any mantell of the o3der of the Garter. ¶ AND that no man, vnder the ſtate of an erle, from the ſame feaſt, vſe o3 weare in his apparell of his body, o3 vpon his ho3s, mule, o3 other beeſt, o3 harneis of the ſame beaſt, ani cloth of gold o3 ſiluer, o3 of tinſeld ſaten, o3 any other ſilk o3 clothe mixed o3 emb3owd3ed with golde o3 ſiluer, no3 alſo any furres of Sables: excepte that hit ſhall be lefull fo3 vicontes, the p3iour of ſaynte Johns Hieruſalem, within this realme, and barons, to weare in they3 dublettes o3 ſleueles cotes, cloth of golde ſiluer o3 tynſell.

¶ Alſo it is enacted, that no man, vnder the eſtate of a duke, marquiſe, erle, & they3 chyld3en, o3 vnder the degree of a baron, oneles he be a knight, that is companion of the Garter, from the ſayde feaſte weare in any parte of his apparell any wollen clothe, made out of this realme of Englande, Irlande, Wales, Calis, Berwyke, o3 the marches of the ſame, except in bonettis only: Ne alſo weare in any maner apparaile of his body, o3 on his ho3ſe, mule, o3 other beaſt, o3 harneis of the ſame beaſt, any veluet of the colours of crimeſen, ſcarlet, o3 blewe, ne any furres of blacke Jenettes o3 luſerns

luſernes, ne any maner embꝛowdery. And that no man, oneleſſe he be a knyght, after the ſayde feaſte weare any coler of gold named a coler of S. And that no man, vnder the degree of a barons ſonne, oꝛ of a knyghte, excepte he maye expend yerely in landes oꝛ tenementes, rentes, fees, oꝛ annuties to his owne vſe, foꝛ terme of his life, oꝛ foꝛ terme of an other mans lyfe, oꝛ in the ryghte of his wyfe, two hundꝛeth poundes ouer all charges, ſhall after the ſayde feaſte, vſe oꝛ weare any cheyne of gold, bꝛacelet, ouche, oꝛ other oꝛnament of golde, in any parte of his oꝛ theyꝛ apparel, oꝛ the apparell of his oꝛ theyꝛ hoꝛſe, mule, oꝛ other beaſte: excepte euery ſuche chein Jewel, ouche, oꝛ oꝛnamẽt, be in weight one vnce of fyne golde, oꝛ aboue, & excepte ringes of gold to be woꝛne on theyꝛ fyngers, with ſtones oꝛ without. Ne alſo ſhall weare any maner of veluet in theyꝛ gownes, cotes with ſleues, oꝛ other vttermoſt garmentes, noꝛ any furres of libardes, noꝛ alſo ſhall weare any maner embꝛodery, pꝛicking oꝛ pꝛynting with golde, ſiluer, oꝛ ſilke in any parte of theyꝛ apparayle, oꝛ on theyꝛ hoꝛſes, mules, oꝛ oꝛ theyꝛ beaſtes. ¶ AND that no man, vnder the ſayd aſtates & degrees, other than ſuche as maye diſpende in londes oꝛ tenementes, rentes, fees, oꝛ annuities, as is afoꝛeſayde, a hundꝛed poundes by yere, ouer all charges, ſhal after the ſayd feaſt weare any ſaten, damaſke, ſilke chamlet, oꝛ taffata in his gowne, cote with ſleues, oꝛ other vttermoſt apparaile oꝛ garment, noꝛ any maner of veluet, otherwyſe than in ſleueles iackettes, doublettes, coyfes, partelettes, oꝛ pourſes: Noꝛ alſo ſhall weare any furre, whereof the lyke kynde groweth not within this realme of Englande, Irelande, Wales, Cales, Berwike, oꝛ the the marches of the ſame: except foynes, genettes, called Gray genettes, and Bogy. ¶ And that no man vnder the ſayde degrees, other than the ſonne and heyꝛe apparant of a knyght, oꝛ the ſonne and heire apparant of a man of thꝛe hundꝛeth marke by yere, ouer all charges, & ſuche other men as may diſpende in landes and tenementes, rentes, fees, annuities, oꝛ other yerely pꝛofittes, as is afoꝛe ſayde. xl. li. by yere, ouer all charges, from the ſayde feaſte, weare in theyꝛ gownes, oꝛ any other theyr vttermoſt apparaile, any chamlet, oꝛ ſilke, ne alſo weare in any other parte of theyꝛ apparaile any ſylke, other than ſaten, damaſke, taffata, oꝛ ſarcenet in theyꝛ doublettes, and ſarcenet, chamblet, oꝛ taffata in lyninge of theyꝛ gownes, and the ſame, oꝛ veluet in theyꝛ ſleueles cotes, iakettes, ierkins, coyfes, cappes, purſes, oꝛ partlettes, the colours of ſkarlette, crympſen, and blewe alwayes except. Noꝛ ſhall weare any furre of foynes oꝛ genettes, called Gray ienettes, noꝛ any other furres, wherof the lyke kynde is not growen within this realme of Englande, Irlande, wales, Cales, Berwike, oꝛ the marches of the ſame, except befoꝛe except, Ne ſhall weare any maner aglettes, bottons, bꝛoches of golde oꝛ ſiluer gilte, or counterfeyt gilt oꝛ made with any other diuiſe of any weight: Noꝛ ſhal weare any cheyne of golde of leſſe weight and value than tenne vnces of Trey weyght of fine golde.

¶ And that no manne vnder the ſayde degrees, other than ſuche gentyll men,

menne, as maye dispende in landes or tenementes, rentes, fees, or annuities, as is aforesayde. xx. poundes by yere, ouer all charges, frome and after the sayde feaste, weare any maner of sylke, in any apparayle of his bodye, or of his horse, mule, or other beaste, excepte hit be saten, taffata, sarcenet, or damaske in his doublette or coyfe, and chamblet in his sleueles iackettes, and a lace of sylke for his bonette, or poyntes, lacis, girdelles, or garters made or wrought in Englande, or Wales: Nor shall weare any furres of blacke conye or bogy.

¶ AND that no man vnder the sayde degrees, other than suche as maye dispende in landes and tenementes, rentes, fees, or annuities (as is afore sayde) fyue poundes by yere ouer all charges, from and after the sayde feaste, weare any maner of clothe of the colours of scarlette, crymosen, or violette engrayned, nor any sylke in theyr doublettes, or iackettes, nor any other clothe in any garnement aboue the price of sixe shyllynges. viii. pence the brode yarde, nor any other thyng made out of this realme, except chamblet in theyr doublettes and iackettes.

¶ And that no seruynge manne, nor other yeman, takynge wages, or suche other, as he maye nat dispende of freeholde fortye shyllynges by yere, after the sayde feaste shalle weare any clothe in his hoses, aboue the pryce of two shyllynges, the yarde: And that none of theyr hoses be garded or mixed with any other thynge, that maye be sene on or through the vtter parte of theyr hosen, but with the selfe same clothe onelye: nor in his gowne, cote, or iackette, or other garnemente any clothe aboue the price of thre shyllynges foure pence the brode yarde, excepte hit be his maysters liuerye, nor any maner furre, except cony called gray cony, blacke lambe or whyte lambe of Englysshe, Walche, or Irysshe growynge:

Nor shall weare any shyrte or shyrte bande, vnder or vpper cappe, coyfe, bonet, or hat, garnysshed, mixt, made, or wrought with sylke, golde, or siluer, Nor shall weare any bonet or shyrte bande, made or wroughte oute of this realme of Englande, or Wales, Neuer the lesse it shalbe leful for hym to weare a sylke ribande for his bonet, and also the cognisance or badge of his lorde or maister, and a horne typped or flued with siluer, gilt or vngilt: And also they and all other persons to weare on theyr bonettes alle suche games of siluer gilt or vngilt, as they or any of them may wyn by wrastlynge, shotynge, rennynge, leappng, or castynge of the barre, and also maisters of the shyppes or other vessayles and maryners to weare whistils of siluer, with the cheyn of siluer to hange the same vppon, any former clause in this acte heretofore mencioned to the cõtrary not withstandyng.

¶ And that no husband man, from the sayde feast, weare in his hosis any clothe aboue the price of the yarde. ii. shillynges, or any cloth in his gowne aboue the price of. iiii. s. the brode yarde, or in his iackette or cote aboue the price of. ii. s. viii. pence the brode yarde, Nor in his doublet any other thinge than is wroughte within this realme, fustian & canuas onely excepted, nor any maner of furre in any his apparayle.

¶ And

¶And that no seruynge manne in husbandry, or tourney man in handye craftes, takynge wages, after and from the feaste aforesayde, weare in his hosis any cloth aboue the price of .xvi.d. the yard, nor shall weare any cloth in his gowne, iacket, or cote, aboue the price of .ii.s. viii.d. the brode yard, nor in his doublet any other thynge than fustian, canuas, or lether, or wollen clothe, nor any maner of furre in any of his apparayle.

¶Prouided alwayes, that all suche officers and seruantes, waytinge or attendynge vpon the kynge, the Queene, the prince or princes dayly, yerely or quarterly in their housholdes, or beinge in their eschequire rolle, as shallbe admitted, assigned, and licenced by his grace, to vse or weare any maner apparayle on theyr bodyes, horses, mules, or other beastes, otherwyse than is afore expressed, shall nowe laufully do the same, accordyng to the licence, whiche shall be gyuen vnto them in that behalfe. The same lycence to be declared in writynge by the kynges hyghnes or the lorde Stewarde of his moste honorable householde, or the lorde Chamberlayn, knowynge the kynges moste gratious pleasure in the same.

¶Prouyded also that the vicechamberlayne, Stewarde, Treasorer, and Comptroller of the frenche queenes honorable householde, and euerye of them for the tyme beinge, after and from the sayde feest, may weare in their gownes, cotes, iackettes, doublettes, and other their apparayle, veluet, saten, and damaske, beinge of the colours of blacke, tawny, or russet, and also cheines and broches of golde, of suche value as they woll at their lybertie, this present acte, or any thynge therin mencioned to the contrarye not withstandynge.

¶Prouided also, that the lorde Chancellour, and the lorde Treasorer of Englande, the presidente of the kynges counsaylle, and the lorde priueye seale, for the tyme beinge, of what astate or degree so euer they be, besides those romes, may weare in theyr apparayle veluet, saten, and other silkes of any colours, except purpure, & any maner furres, excepte blacke genettes: any thynge in this acte mencioned to the contrary not withstandyng.

¶BE IT further enacted, that after the sayd feast, none of the clergie, vnder the dignitie of a bysshoppe, abbotte, or priour, being a lorde of the parlyament, weare in any parte of his or their apparayle of theyr bodyes or on theyr horses, any maner of stuffe, wroughte or made oute of this realme of Englande, Irelande, Wales, Calays, Berwyke, or the marches of the same, except that it shall be leful to al archedecons, deanes, prouostes, maisters, and wardens of cathedrall and collegeate churches, prebendaries, doctours, or bachelours in diuinitie, doctours of the one lawe or the other, and also doctours of other sciences, which haue taken that degree, or be admitted in any vniuersitie, to weare sarcenet in the lyning of theyr gownes, blacke satten, or blacke chamlet in theyr doublettes & sleueles cotes, and blacke veluet, or blacke sarcenet, or blacke saten, in theyr tippettes, and rydinge hoodes or girdels, and also clothe of the colours of skarlet, murey, or violet, & furres called gray, blacke boge, foynes, shankes,

kes, or meneuet in their gownes and sleueles cotes: any thinge before mencioned to the contrary not withstandynge. And that none of the Clergie, vnder the degrees afore sayd, weare any maner of furres, other than blacke conye, boge, grey cony, shankes, calaber gray, fiche, fore, lambe, otter, and beuer. And that none of the clergie vnder the degrees aforesaid, other than maisters of arte, and bacheleres of the one lawe or the other, admytted in any vniuersite, or suche other of the sayde clergie as may dispende yerelye xx. li. ouer al charges, shall weare in their typpettes any maner of sarcenet or other silke.

¶ Prouyded also, that this acte, or any thynge therin conteined, shall not extende nor be hurtful or preiudiciall to any of the kynges most honorable counselle, ne to Justices of the one benche or the other, the barons of the kinges eschequire, the maister of the rolles, seriantes at lawe, the maisters of the Chancerie, ne to any of the counsel of the quene, prince or princes, apprentises of the lawe, the kynges, the quenes, the prynces, and the princesses phisitions, mayres, recorders, aldermen, shyriffes, bayliffes electe, and all other heed officers, of cities, townes, and borroughes corporat, wardens of occupations, the barons of the fyue portis, that is to say to all the sayde officers and persones, that nowe be, or heretofore haue ben in lyke rome, place, office, or auctorite, or hereafter for the tyme shall be, as well in the tyme as after that they haue bene in any suche place, office, rome or auctorite, but that they shall mowe at all tymes weare, after the sayd feaste, all suche apparayle in and vpon their bodyes, horses, mules, & other bestis, and also citezens, and burgeses, shall mowe weare suche hoodes of clothe, and of suche colours, as they haue hertofore vsed to weare: any thynge in this acte mencioned to the contrarye not withstandynge: except that it shall not be lefull to any of them to weare veluet, damaske, or saten of the colours of crimisen, violet, purpure, or blewe, otherwise than by the continue of this acte, in any of the clauses before mencioned, is by reason of their landes or otherwise permitted, limitted, or assigned.

¶ Ne also this acte or any thynge therin mencioned, shall extende to ambassadours, or other personages, sente from outwarde princis, or to noble men, or other compynge in to the kynges realme, or other parte of his obeysance, to visete, se, or salute his grace, or to se the cõtrey, and not mynded to make longe or continuall demore in the same, ne to any henche man, heralde, or purceuaunt at armes, mynstrels, player in enterludes, syghtes, reuels, iustes, tourneis, bariers, solempne watches, or other marcial feates, or disguisinges, or to men of warre, beinge in the kynges wages of warre, nor to any man, for wearinge any apparayle, giuẽ vnto him by the kinges highnes, the qnene, the frenche quene, the prince, or princes, ne to any sworde bearer of the citie of London, or of any citie, borowe, or towne corporate. Ne also shall extende to any vtter barrester of any of the ynnes of courte, for wearyng in any of his apparayle, such silke and furre, as is before lymytted for men that maye dispende in landis, tenementes, rentes, fees,

fees or annuities for terme of lyfe.xx.li. ouer al charges, nor to any other ſtudent of the Innes of court or Chancerie, or to any gentylman, beinge ſeruant to any lorde, knyght, ſquier, or gentylman of this realme, whoſe maiſter may diſpend.xl.li. ouer all charges, for wearynge by ſuche ſtudent or gentylman beinge ſeruant, of doublettes and partlettes of ſatten, damaſke, or chamlet, or iackettes of chamlet: which dublettes, pertlettis, or iackettes be gyuen vnto them by any of their parentes, maiſters, or kinſfolkes, ſo alwayes they be not of the colours of crimiſen, purpure, ſcarlet or blewe, or for wearynge of any furres, wherof the lyke groweth within this realme, Wales, or Irelande, marterns and blacke cony except.

¶ IT IS alſo further enacted, that if any man vſe or weare, at any tyme after the ſayd feaſte, any apparayle, or other the premiſſis, contrary to the tenoure and fourme aforeſayde: than he ſo offendynge, ſhall forfayte the ſame apparayle, and other the premiſſis, ſo by hym vſed or worne vppon his perſon, horſe, mule, or other beaſte, wherwith ſo euer it be garnyſhed, embrowdred, doubled, or mixed, or the value therof: and alſo. iii.s.iiii.d. in the name of a fyne for euerye daye, that he ſhall ſo weare the ſame, contrary to the tenour and purporte of this acte. And that euerye man, that woll, may laufully ſue for the ſame, by action of detinue, to be commenſed within.xb.dayes nexte after the begynnyng of the terme, nexte enſuinge, after any ſuche tyme and cauſe of forfayture ſo gyuen: in the which action the defendant ſhall not be ſuffred to wage his lawe, nor any eſſoen or protection ſhalbe to hym allowed in that behalfe. The one halfe of the whiche forfayture and fine ſhall be to the kynges hyghnes, and the other halfe to hym or them, that woll ſue for the ſame, in forme, and within the tyme before lymitted. AND it is further enacted by the auctoritie aforeſayde, that it ſhall be laufull to the Juſtices of peace in their ſeſſions, the ſhireffe in his Turne, the ſtewarde in any lete or lawedaye, the aldermen in theyr wardes, and to all other perſons haupnge auctoritie to enquere of blodeſhede and frayes, to enquere of euery of the ſayd offences and forfaitures: and the parties offendyng ageinſt this ſtatute, and ſo preſented, ſhal make fine in maner and forme, and after the rate aforeſayd.

¶ OVER this it is enacted, by the auctorittie aforeſayd, that al other actis made for reformation of exceſſe in apparayle or arraye, at any tyme before this preſent parlyament, and all and ſinguler articles, prouiſions, forfaitures, and penalties, mencioned in the ſayde former actes or any of them, be from henſeforthe vtterly voyde, repelled, extincte, and of none effecte: And all tranſgreſſions, offences, ſommes of money, penalties, and forfaytures for any thynge done contrarye to the ſayde former actes, or any of theym, before this tyme made for reformation of exceſſe in apparayle, be clerely remytted, pardoned, and releaſed, and the offenders in that behalfe, and euery of them to be therof diſcharged, and acquited for euer.

¶ Prouyded alwayes, that this acte, nor any thynge therin conteyned, be hurtful or preiudiciall to any ſpirituall or temporall perſon, in and for the wea-

wearynge any ornamentes of the churche, vsed for executynge diuine seruice, or for wearynge theyr amicis, mantyls, habites, or garmentes of religyon, or other thynges, whiche they be vsed or bounde vnto by theyr romes, or promotions, or religions, ne also to any graduates, beadels, or ministers to the graduates in vniuersities & scoles, for wearynge of theyr habites or hoodes, with furres, lyninges, or otherwyse, after suche forme as heretofore they haue ben accustomed to do, any thynge in this presente acte made to the contrary not withstandynge.

¶ Prouyded also that this act, nor any thinge therin conteyned, be preiudiciall or hurtefull to any persone or persones for werynge of anye lynnen clothe, made or wrought out of this realme, or other parties of the kinges obeysance, ne to any person beinge of the degree of a gentylman, for wearinge of any shyrte made, wrought, or embrowdred with threde and sylke onely, so the same worke, or embrouderye be made within this realme of Englande, Wales, Calais, Berwyke, or the marches.

GOD SAVE THE
KYNGE.